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SUBJ: AMERICAN COMPANY PLANS TO DRILL FOR OIL IN AEGEAN

REF: ANKARA 3919

1. MAY 20 MILLIYET CARRIED BRIEF REPORT THAT FOUR LICENSES
HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO AN AMERICAN FIRM, DORCHESTER GAS CORPORATION,
FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN SEA NEAR IZMIR, WITH
EXPLORATION TO BEGIN IN JUNE.

2. IN VISIT TO EMBASSY IN EARLY MAY, DORCHESTER OFFICIALS
CONFIRMED THAT LICENSES HAD BEEN GIVEN AND ASSURED US THAT
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EXPLORATION WILL BE STRICTLY CONFINED TO TURKISH TERRITORIAL
WATERS. DORCHESTER HAS BEEN OPERATING IN TURKEY FOR SEVERAL
YEARS AND IS FULLY AWARE OF DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY
OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE AEGEAN.

3. DORCHESTER OFFICIALS SAID EXPLORATION WOULD BE
CARRIED OUT BY A DRILLING SHIP WHICH WAS BEING OUTFITTED IN

MALTA. EXACT DATE WHEN SHIP WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM MALTA TO THE AEGEAN COULD NOT BE DETERMINED, BUT IS LIKELY TO BE WITHIN A FEW WEEKS FROM THE PRESENT.

4. COMMENT: ARRIVAL OF DRILLING SHIP IN THE AEGEAN MAY COINCIDE WITH OR PROCEDE MAJOR STAGE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROPOSALS. WHILE INTENDED OPERATIONS SEEM CLEARLY WITHIN THE LAW, WE PRESUME THE MERE FACT OF TURKISH DRILLING ANYWHERE IN THE AEGEAN COULD SET OFF GREEK PROTESTS DIRECTED AT CONGRESS.
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